sketches are likely to be published by the Defence Ministry; and

(b) if so, by when such biographical sketches are likely to be published?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

Sainik schools in the Country

1020. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sainik schools in the country State-wise, alongwith the number of students studying in these schools till January 31, 1988; and

(b) what is the number of such new schools which are proposed to be opened in the different States during the year 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) There are 18 Sainik schools in the country. A statement indicating the States in which these schools are located and the number of boys studying in the schools as on 30.9.87 is attached (*See* below). Out of these, 84 boys have joined NDA in Jan. 88 for the 79th course.

(b) Opening of a new Sainik school is considered only at the specific request of a State Government/Union Territory, Administration which has to confirm that the entire capital expendiure and a major portion of the recurring expenditure of the school will be borne by it. No such specific request has so far been received to open new Sainik schools during the year 1988-89.

Statement

Sl.	Location of Sainik School	State	No. of Students Studing there in as on 30-9-88
1	Amaravathi Nagar	Tamil Nadu	641
2	Balachadi	Gujarat	543
3	Bijapur	Karnataka	577
4	Bhubneshwar	Orissa	603
5	Chittorgarh	Rajasthan	579
6	Ghorakhal	Uttar Pradesh	474
7	Goalpara	Assam	687
8	Imphal	Manipur	404
9	Kapurthala	Punjab	6-0
10	Kazhakootam	Kerala	603
11	Korukonda	Andhra Pradesh	544
12	Kunjpura	Haryana	666
13	Nagrota	Jammu & Kashmir	465
14	Purulia	West Bengal	470
15	Rewa	Madhya Pradesh	506
16	Satara	Maharashtra	621
17	Sujanpur Tira	Himachal Pradesh	397
18	Tilaiya	Bihar	893
		Total	10312